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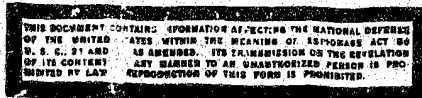
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COAL OUTPUT NOTED:  
MUCH NEW CONSTRUCTION

COAL PRODUCTION IN OSTRAVA - Mlada Fronta, No 76, 31 Mar 49

Coal output on 29 March 1949 in the Ostrava-Karvin mines amounted to 45,140 tons, or 97.1 percent of the daily plan.

COAL OUTPUT EXCEEDS PLAN IN OSTRAVA - Rude Pravo, No 69, 23 Mar 49

The mines of the Ostrava-Karvin region produced 16,980 [sic] tons of coal on 15 March 1949, fulfilling the daily plan 101 percent. Since the beginning of March the plan has been fulfilled 102 percent. The mine output was 14.22 metric centners, and the total output 13.82 centners per capita per shift. Coal production fulfilled the plan 105.6 percent, and electric power 110.59 percent.

NEW BUILDINGS APPROVED -- Lidova Demokracie, No 71, 25 Mar 49

A total of 4,550 new buildings were approved in Czechoslovakia in 1948 as contrasted with 2,730 in 1947. This meant an increase of 6,012 (2,896 in 1947) in the number of dwelling units. Of this number, 1,207 (3,308 dwelling units) were in the Two-Year Plan. In the Czech Provinces alone, 3,223 new buildings (1,506 in 1947) were approved, an increase of 4,219 dwelling units (1,531 in 1947). Of those in the Czech Provinces, 1,093 were in the Two-Year Plan, adding 8,910 dwelling units.

There were 2,836 changes in existing buildings approved in Czechoslovakia in 1948 (1,677 in 1947) which meant an increase of 1,090 dwelling units (577 in 1947). Five hundred of these changes were part of the Two-Year Plan, adding 514 new dwelling units. In the Czech Provinces, 2,643 building changes were approved in 1948 (1,511 in 1947) which added 969 dwelling units (515 in 1947).

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Of these, 470 were in the Two-Year Plan, adding 474 units.

Of the 4,550 new buildings approved in Czechoslovakia in 1948, 2,752 were residential buildings, and 1,798 were other types.

**NEW TYPE OF BINDER MANUFACTURED**, Zemedelske Noviny, No 76, 31 Mar 49

Production has begun at the Krotok plant in Jicin of the Agrostop state enterprise on a new type of binder. This is the LV 5, a lighter type of binder, with a mesh of 152 centimeters. It weighs about 650 kilograms, and is equipped with ball bearings and mobile axles. It moves very easily, can be drawn by two horses, and was tested during the 1948 harvest with great success.

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